

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an image-protecting film having a protective layer releasably laminated on a support and to be heat transferred onto an image surface of recorded matter on which an image has been formed, wherein the surface of the support on which the protective layer is laminated has a surface roughness (Ra) according to JIS-B0601 of from 0.2 to 0.5. Further, an image-protecting method and overcoated recorded matter using the image-protecting film are also disclosed.